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Application No. : 10/693,025  
Inventor(s) : Suzanne M. Torontali  
Filed : October 24, 2003  
Art Unit : 1631  
Examiner : Anna Skibinsky  
Docket No. : 9394L  
Confirmation No. : 1757  
Customer No. : 27752  
Title : Amplification of Signal Using a  
Bead-Based Oligonucleotide Assay

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

An extension of time is hereby requested under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the following fee and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company:

Two month extension under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2).

Respectfully Submitted,  
THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

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